

REMARKS

As a result of the present Amendment, Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the Claims as follows. Claims 1-2 and 4-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being anticipated by Barany et al. (U.S. Pub. 2002/0034166) in view of Dailey (US 6,564,049). Claims 3 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barany in view of Dailey and further in view of Kasavaraju (U.S. Patent No. 5,940,515).

This Amendment is responsive to a telephonic conversation conducted between Applicants attorney, Victor A. Grossman, and Examiner Diego D. Herrera, on September 6, 2006. The courtesy extended by the Examiner is greatly appreciated. During the conversation, the Examiner recommended amendments to Independent Claims 1, 4, 6, 9, and 10, which he stated would further distinguish these claims and overcome the cited art of record. Accordingly, Claims 1, 4, 6, 9, and 10, have been amended as per the Examiner's recommendation. Additionally, as per the Examiner's recommendation, new Claims 12-16 have been added.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as discussed above, Claim 1 has been amended so that is distinguished over the cited art of record.

Barany teaches a communications system that includes a wireless access network that is coupled to a packet-based data network. Packet-based calls may be established between an MS

coupled to the wireless access network and a network endpoint coupled to the data network.

Dailey teaches a system and method for establishing group calls with reduced setup times.

In contrast, amended Claim 1 includes the recitation of entering at least one digit of a recipient's phone number, transmitting to the base station, in response to the entering of the at least one digit of the recipient's phone number, an origination message that does not contain a recipient's phone number, receiving a channel assignment message for a forward and reverse traffic channels from the base station, setting up wireless channels to the base station according to assignment information included in the channel assignment message, and completing entry of the recipient's phone number, transmitting to the base station, in response to a send key input, an origination continuation message containing the recipient's phone number, which is neither taught nor suggested by Barany or Dailey or the combination thereof. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

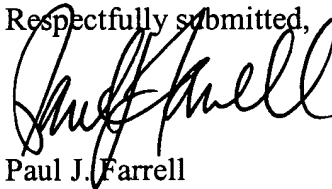
Regarding the rejection of independent Claims 4, 6, 9, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), Claims 4, 6, 9, and 10 have been amended to include similar recitations as those contained in Claim 1. Accordingly, Claims 4, 6, 9, and 10 are patentably distinct for at least the same reasons as set forth above with respect to the rejection of Claim 1. Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 4, 6, 9, and 10 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1, 4, 6, 9, and 10 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2, 3, 5, 8 and 11-16, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2, 3, 5, 8 and 11-16 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-16, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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